

FAA: Vegas high-rises could restrict airspace

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LAS VEGAS—Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration say new high-rise buildings in Las Vegas could complicate flights in the region in the future.

Del Meadows, air traffic manager for the Las Vegas district of the FAA, says each new building takes more airspace away.

Meadows says air traffic controllers see the city's skyline as a slope angling upward from the runways just southeast of the Las Vegas Strip.

He says the Stratosphere tower caused "quite a few difficulties" for officials trying to direct planes north, combined with restrictions on flying near Nellis Air Force base.

Meadows says the buildings contribute to congestion in the skies.

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